

# **MEMORANDUM**



TO: Board of Health

FROM: Gary Bergstrom, Air Quality Program Supervisor

DATE: August 26, 2020

RE: Air Pollution Control Advisory Board Appointments

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The Air Pollution Control Advisory Board (APCAB) meets quarterly and is composed of 9 members, 4 from industry and 5 public spirited residents. The board advises the Board of Health, Mayor, City Council, and County Board on matters concerning the Air Quality Program, such as monitoring air quality, and reviews all regulation updates prior to coming to the City Council.

APCAB member terms are 3 years in length, and three of the nine member terms expire every year on September 1<sup>st</sup>. The previous Mayoral administration asked that board members be limited to two full terms. Lincoln Municipal Code, County Resolution, and APCAB by-laws do not have any term limitations.

This year, the Air Quality Program recommended the reappointment of Deb McGuire (industry representative for Lincoln Electric System) and Lucas Sabalka (general public representative). These two individuals will be commencing their 2<sup>nd</sup> full terms. Ms. McGuire brings a unique and valuable perspective to APCAB, having previously worked in air quality for the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy. Mr. Sabalka is highly knowledgeable on environmental issues and is committed to providing valuable and easy to understand input during meetings. Both have been a reliable, thoughtful and interactive member of APCAB.

In addition, the Air Quality Program recommended the appointment of Elizabeth VanWormer, PhD, DVM to fill a general public representative opening. Dr. VanWormer will be replacing Dr. Martha Shulski (Nebraska State Climatologist), who has served two full terms. Dr. VanWormer holds a Bachelor of Science in Zoology, a Doctorate of Philosophy majoring in Epidemiology, and is a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Practice and the One Health Coordinator UNL's School of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. As the One Health coordinator, she works with students, multi-disciplinary researchers, and non-academic stakeholders, linking diverse tools and perspectives to address complex health challenges. Dr. VanWormer's research into the relationships between humans, animals, and the environment would benefit this Board, as air pollution, the climate, and public health are all strongly related to one another.

Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird has nominated these individuals for appointment to APCAB. Their appointments will be voted on by the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners on September 1<sup>st</sup>, and by the Lincoln City Council on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

This item does not require action by the Board of Health, and is being presented as an information item to keep the Board of Health apprised of current events in the Air Quality Program and APCAB.